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Evergreen Announces Spectra™ 333 CPU Upgrade for Pentium PCs

Based on Award-Winning AMD K6-2 Processor with 3DNow! Instructions for Faster Imaging, Smoother Video, Enhanced Internet Experience and Superior Gameplay

Corvallis, Oregon—January 25, 1999— Evergreen Technologies, Inc., an industry leader in upgrade solutions for personal computers, today announced its Evergreen *Spectra*™ processor upgrade for aging Pentium® processor-based PCs. Powered by the 333 MHz AMD® K6®-2 processor with 3DNow!™ technology, the Evergreen *Spectra* enables users to boost their 75 MHz and higher speed Pentium systems to the performance of a brand new 333 MHz PC based on the AMD K6-2 processor, or a similarly configured Pentium processor-based system. For a fraction of the cost of a new PC, users gain the processing power to enhance Windows® 98, Windows 95, Windows NT®, Office 97, as well as software with the latest 3D graphics and multimedia capabilities. Industry-standard benchmarks such as the Intel® Media benchmark illustrate the *Spectra* 333 delivers a performance increase of 300% when installed in a 75 MHz Pentium PC.

Winner of the 1998 PC Magazine UK Technical Innovation Award, the AMD K6-2 with 3DNow! is multimedia-optimized not only to bring a more productive, entertaining and realistic PC experience to end users, but also to enhance business applications such as document, presentation and spreadsheet programs; video conferencing; photo image manipulation; 3D audio processing; computer-aided design; web site development and voice recognition.

“The Spectra 333 delivers performance and value to home and business users who want to extend the life of their PCs by several years and meet the demands of today’s software,” said Mike Magee, president and CEO of Evergreen Technologies, Inc.

Unique Technology Enables Easy Upgrade

As with the Evergreen MxPro™ line of processor upgrades, the user replaces the original Pentium CPU with Evergreen’s *Spectra* 333. Evergreen’s exclusive BIOS and power technologies allow the AMD K6-2 processor to be used as a direct replacement for Pentium processors, regardless of the system’s original BIOS, motherboard and voltage. The Evergreen *Spectra* ships with install software that checks the customer’s system to see if a BIOS upgrade is needed. If it is, the customer uses the install program and illustrated install guide to upgrade the BIOS. The user does not need to reload any operating system or application software, unlike a new system or a motherboard replacement.

Pricing, Availability and Support

The Evergreen *Spectra* 333—the first member of the *Spectra* product line—is available now for \$259 MSRP. Consumers, corporations, government and education customers can purchase the *Spectra* 333 through a variety of channels including resellers, national distributors and PC mail-order catalogs. In April, Evergreen expects to be shipping to retailers as well. Evergreen is offering *Spectra* customers a lifetime warranty and toll-free technical support, Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM PST. Additional product information is available from Evergreen Technologies, Inc. at 541.757.0934 and via the World Wide Web at www.evertech.com.

About Evergreen Technologies, Inc.

Evergreen Technologies, Inc., based in Corvallis, Oregon, designs, manufactures, distributes and supports processor upgrades for the personal computer marketplace. Since 1989, Evergreen has pioneered a range of solutions that “refresh” older systems to current processor performance and functionality.

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